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# Bay Bridge Eastbound CLOSED Labor Day Weekend

#### **CLOSURES ARE IN THE EASTBOUND DIRECTION ONLY.**

The Bay Bridge westbound into San Francisco will remain open throughout the weekend.

#### **ATTENTION MOTORISTS!**

The Bay Bridge eastbound deck and several eastbound on-ramps (First St., Essex St., Sterling St., 5th St., & 8th St.) will be closed from 11:59 p.m. Friday night September 1st., until 5:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, September 5th. (Dates and times subject to change)

#### **PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:**

- Allow extra time in your travel plans.
- Use public transit, including BART, buses, and ferries.
- Use alternate bridges.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Motorists leaving town for the Labor Day weekend will be able to cross the bridge eastbound until 11:59 p.m. Friday evening, before the lower deck is closed.

The eastbound closure is scheduled to occur after the 49er's pre-season game scheduled for Friday evening.

#### TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES

**BART** will be running overnight service to select stations\* Friday night through 1:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. Regular BART service resumes at 4:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. Go to **www.bart.gov** for schedule information.

- AC Transit: go to www.actransit.org for modified schedules.
- MUNI Line 108 will be running a modified schedule. Go to www.sfmuni.com
- Alameda-Oakland Ferry and Vallejo Baylink Ferry will be running expanded service. Go to www.eastbayferry.com and www.baylinkferry.com

### \*BART STATIONS OFFERING EXTENDED SERVICE:

Bay Fair Berkeley Coliseum/ Oakland Airport Concord Daly City Dublin/ Pleasanton Embarcadero MacArthur Powell SFO Walnut Creek 12th Street

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El Cerrito del Norte

## SOME PEOPLE HAVE ASKED: "WHY LABOR DAY WEEKEND?"

- We will be demolishing more than 1,000 feet of the upper deck from Beale Street west to the Clocktower building. To ensure public safety, the lower deck must be closed during this work.
- By working over Labor Day weekend, we can complete this phase in three days and avoid a second weekend closure.
- Saturday and Sunday traffic volumes on Labor Day weekend are typically lower than on other weekends. Traffic volumes on Labor Day itself are significantly lower than on a normal weekend or weekday.
- Weekends in September and October have major public events planned. By performing this work over Labor Day weekend, we eliminate the possibility of greater traffic and community impacts.
- Work must be done between mid-August and the end of October to keep this important seismic safety project on schedule.

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# **September** 1-5, 2006

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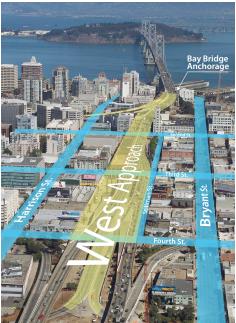
#### **Use Alternate Bridges**

- Golden Gate Bridge
- Richmond-San Rafael Bridge
- San Mateo-Hayward Bridge



Thank you for your continued cooperation during this essential work.





#### Seismic safety retrofit work continues

on the West Approach, the one-mile stretch of Interstate-80 linking San Francisco to the Bay Bridge. This work involves performing a "retrofit-by-replacement," which completely demolishes and replaces the original roadways with seismically upgraded structures featuring wider lanes and additional shoulders. Three on- and three off-ramps are being replaced as well.

The double-deck roadways from 3rd Street to the anchorage are being rebuilt so that each deck will have independent columns and foundations.

The work on the West Approach occurs in densely populated residential and commercial neighborhoods. Every effort is made to minimize noise and disturbances to nearby residents and businesses

The work is performed in a series of highly complex phases of demolition and construction to minimize disruptions to bridge traffic. Crews work around-the-clock as 280,000 vehicles move to and from the bridge each day.

Vehicles are detoured onto temporary roadways as the original structures are demolished and rebuilt. When the new structures are completed, traffic is once again shifted and the temporary structure is demolished.

Our website, **www.baybridgeinfo.org**, has a wealth of information about the West Approach, as well as other Bay Bridge Seismic Safety Projects. Bookmark the site for traffic updates, photos, videos, and more! Be sure to sign up to receive our eNewsletter and eAlerts

#### WESTBOUND TRAFFIC REALIGNED

Starting September 1, 2006, motorists on the Bay Bridge headed into San Francisco will no longer encounter a traffic split near the Fremont/Folsom off-ramp. A new streamlined route will keep four lanes of freeway traffic flowing along Interstate 80 westbound while the two right lanes will exit onto the Fremont/Folsom off-ramp.



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#### **COMING UP:**

The project is now heading into another major phase of demolition and construction, beginning Labor Day weekend. This work will occur near the San Francisco anchorage.

More construction in this area is scheduled for later this fall when eastbound traffic will be routed onto a new detour between Second and Fourth Streets. Sections of the existing roadway will then be demolished and reconstructed through 2007. The overall project will be completed in 2009.

Thank you for your patience during this critical and historic work.



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